CLAIMS

I/We claim:

1.   A network update tracking system in a server, comprising:

   a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;

   update detection logic stored on the memory and executable by
the processor, the update detection logic comprising:

      logic that detects a number of updates in a corresponding
   number of network sites; and

      logic that generates an update report to be sent to a client
   via a network, the update report listing at least one of the updates.

2.   The system of claim 1, wherein the update detection logic
further comprises logic that transmits the update report to the client via the
network.

3.   The network update tracking system of claim 1, wherein the
update detection logic further comprises logic that posts the update report to a
network site accessible by a user via the client through the network.

4.   The system of claim 1, wherein the logic that detects the number
of updates in the corresponding number of network sites further comprises
logic that compares a content measure of at least one of the network sites
with a corresponding previous content measure upon an occurrence of a
comparison event.

5.   The network update tracking system of claim 2,

   wherein the logic that generates the update report to be sent to
the client via the network further comprises logic that embodies the update
report into an electronic mail message; and

wherein the logic that transmits the update report to the client via the network further comprises logic that transmits the electronic mail message to the client via the network.

5   6.   The system of claim 4, wherein the logic that detects the number of updates in the corresponding number of network sites further comprises logic that detects the occurrence of the comparison event.

       7.   A network update tracking method, comprising:

10   detecting a number of updates in a corresponding number of network sites in an update detection server; and

       generating an update report in the update detection server, the update report to be sent to a client via a network, the update report listing at least one of the updates.

15   8.   The network update tracking method of claim 7, further comprising transmitting the update report to the client via the network.

       9.   The network update tracking method of claim 8,

       wherein the step of generating the update report in the update detection server further comprises embodying the update report into an electronic mail message; and

       wherein the step of transmitting the update report to the client via the network further comprises transmitting the electronic mail message to

25   the client via the network.

       10.   The network update tracking method of claim 7, further comprising posting the update report to a posting network site that is accessible by a user via the client.

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       11.   The network update tracking method of claim 7, wherein the step of detecting the number of updates in the corresponding number of

network sites in the update detection server further comprises comparing a content measure of at least one of the network sites with a corresponding previous content measure upon an occurrence of a comparison event.

5   12.   The network update tracking method of claim 11, wherein the step of detecting the number of updates in the corresponding number of network sites in the update detection server further comprises further comprises detecting the occurrence of the comparison event.

10   13.   A network update tracking system, comprising:

                a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;

                update detection logic stored on the memory and executable by the processor, the update detection logic comprising:

                        logic that detects at least one update in a network site;

15   logic that generates an update report, the update report identifying the at least one update; and

                      logic that presents the update report to a user.

        14.   The network update tracking system of claim 13, wherein the
20 logic that presents the update report to the user further comprises logic that displays the update report in a graphical user interface on a display device.

        15.   The network update tracking system of claim 13, wherein the logic that detects the at least one update in the network site in the computer
25 system further comprises logic that compares a content measure of the network site with a previous content measure of the network site upon an occurrence of a comparison event.

        16.   The network update tracking system of claim 15, wherein the
30 logic that detects the at least one update in the network site in the computer system further comprises logic that detects the occurrence of the comparison event.

17.   A network update tracking method, comprising:

detecting at least one update in a network site in a computer system coupled to a network; and

generating an update report in the computer system, the update report identifying the at least one update; and

presenting the update report to a user.

18.   The network update tracking method of claim 17, wherein the step of presenting the update report to the user further comprises displaying the update report in a graphical user interface on a display device.

19.   The network update tracking method of claim 17, wherein the step of detecting the at least one update in the network site in the computer system further comprises comparing a content measure of the network site with a previous content measure of the network site upon an occurrence of a comparison event.

20.   The network update tracking method of claim 19, wherein the step of detecting the at least one update in the network site in the computer system further comprises detecting the occurrence of the comparison event.